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1. YESTERDAY I PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE
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THE CASE FOR ESTABLISHING THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND
AND OUTLINED REASONS FOR BELGIAN PARTICIPATION.

2. VAN ELSLANDE WAS GRATIFIED THAT THE U.S. AND THE U.K.
CONSIDER THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM
IS A REAL POSSIBILITY. HE AGREED TO STUDY THE DOCUMENTS

I GAVE HIM AND TO PRESENT THE MATTER TO THE CABINET.
VAN ELSLANDE WAS PLEASED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND
IS NOT TO COMPENSATE WHITES. HE SAID THAT WOULD HAVE
MADE IT POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR BELGIUM TO PARTICIPATE;
THERE ARE MANY BELGIANS WHO HAD TO LEAVE ZAIRE WHO ARE
STILL TRYING TO GET THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMPENSATE
THEM. VAN ELSLANDE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY
UNWISE TO ASK SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND.

3. I ALSO APPROACHED DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON. HE SAID
THAT THEY WOULD STUDY THE CASE AND GIVE US AN ANSWER EARLY IN
THE NEW YEAR. DAVIGNON'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT BELGIUM
PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUND. RENNER

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